

## STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota is a leader in supporting safety programs at highway/railroad

grade crossings; and

WHEREAS: In addition to incidents reported to the Federal Transit Administration that occurred on

light rail lines, preliminary statistics for 2015 from the Federal Railroad Administration have identified 39 highway-rail grade crossing collisions in Minnesota, resulting in four

fatalities and 18 injuries; and

WHEREAS: Such crossing crashes are 20 times more likely to result in death and/or serious injury

than highway collisions; and

WHEREAS: Preliminary statistics for 2015 from the Federal Railroad Administration also have

identified three fatalities and four injuries in Minnesota as a result of

pedestrian/trespasser incidents on railroad property outside of a legal crossing; and

WHEREAS: Operation Lifesaver, Inc. is the foremost public information and education program

dedicated to eliminating highway/railroad grade crossing crashes and

pedestrian/trespasser incidents; and

WHEREAS: Many crashes can be prevented through increased public awareness of the dangers

present at rail crossings and safe driving laws; and

WHEREAS: All Minnesotans are encouraged to observe added caution when approaching

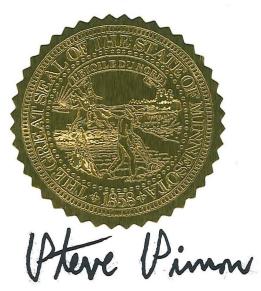
highway/railroad grade crossings in an effort to reduce collisions, deaths, and injuries at

highway-rail grade crossings and on railroad property.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of June 2016, as:

## SAFE RAIL CROSSING AWARENESS MONTH

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 26<sup>th</sup> day of May.

GOVERNOR